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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING ARE KING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESPONSES GIVEN AT
TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA -- REFERRING TO QUESTION TAKEN
YESTERDAY ON KOREAN FONMIN KIM'S DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT,
ONE ITEM OF KIM'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SISCO, HABIB, AND BUFFUM
RELATED TO EVENTS IN KOREA AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION
THERE TO. WE GENERALLY MADE CLEAR TO KIM THAT CONGRESSIONAL
REDUCTIONS OF THE KOREAN FOREIGN AID PROGRAM WERE
INFLUENCED BY THESE EVENTS.

WE DISCUSS QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PERIODICALLY WITH
KOREANS. SUBJECT CAME UP IN SEPTEMBER DURING SECURITY
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN HONOLULU WITH KOREAN
DEFMIN.

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QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS DEPARTMENT-WIDE CONCERN AND

RESPONSIBILITY. DEPARTMENT HAS TASKED REGIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICES IN GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS TO KEEP TABS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN THEIR AREAS, AND DEPSEC USES MEMBER OF LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE AS HIS ADVISOR ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

CWE MADE AVAILABLE TO NEWSMEN PUBLIC AFFAIRS BUREAU SPECIAL REPORT ENTITLED "HUMAN RIGHTS IN REPUBLIC OF KOREA", WHICH CARRIES TEXT OF HUMMEL'S JULY 30 STATEMENT BEFORE TWO HFAC SUBCOMMITTEES AND INGERSOLL TO CHAIRMAN MORGAN LETTERS OF JULY 27 AND JULY 28.)

2. REACTION TO SENATE VOTE CUTTING AID TO TURKEY -- NOTED WHITE HOUSE ISSUED STATEMENT THIS MORNING. ADDED WE FEEL EAGLETON AMENDMENT IS SEVERELY DETRIMENTAL TO EFFORTS TO BE HELPFUL TO PARTIES INVOLVED IN CYPRUS SITUATION AND TO HELP CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS CRISIS.

3. VISIT TO SOVIET UNION -- PUT ON RECORD DATES AND PURPOSE OF SECRETARY'S UPCOMING TRIP TO USSR.

4. PELL/JAVITS ON CUBA -- NEITHER DISPUTE NOR AGREE WITH THEIR JUDGMENT THAT TIME IS RIGHT FOR INCREASED CONTACTS WITH CUBA. OUR POLICY WAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT. PELL/JAVITS VISITS DO NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS CUBA. WE EXPECT THAT AT SOME POINT THEY WILL WISH SHARE IDEAS WITH DEPARTMENT.

5. PORTUGAL -- YESTERDAY FONMIN SOARES CALLED AMB. SCOTT STATING PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY IS UNCHANGED AND PORTUGAL WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS INCLUDING THOSE TO NATO. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS IN LISBON.

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